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LB 553
LB 943, 448A, 760, 643
LR 247, 248, 246

Mr. President, your committee on E & R respectfully reports that we have carefully examined and reviewed LB 943 and recommend that the same be replaced on Select File with amendments. 448A placed on Select File. 760 Select File with amendments. 643 replaced on Select File with amendments.

Mr. President, a new Resolution, LR 246 (read). That will be referred to the Executive Board. LR 247 (read). LR 248 (read). That too will be referred to the Executive Board, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair would like to take this opportunity at this time to introduce from up in the south balcony from Senator Hasebrook's district, 25 fourth grade students from Stanton, Nebraska. Mrs. Keith Bodeen their instructor. Would they stand and be recognized. Stand up. Welcome to your Legislature. Also in the south balcony from Senator Schmit's district are 47 eighth grade students from Osceola, Nebraska. Miss Jean Peterson is their instructor. Will they stand up and be recognized. Welcome. Proceed with LB 553.

CLERK: Read LB 553.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I move for the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 553.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Chambers, do you wish to discuss the committee amendments?

SENATOR KOCH: Before we do so, Senator Chambers, I would suggest that we adopt the committee amendment because that really becomes the bill. Then you can talk that issue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Koch, before adopting that amendment, I would like you to state it and explain it please.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Koch, would you explain what the committee amendments are.

SENATOR KOCH: Well originally the amendment came to the committee and it tried to define or was placing before the people a proposed amendment that would amend Article 1, Section 9, of the Constitution by adding a list of crimes for which bail is not available to the defendant. That crime being sexual offense. The committee spent considerable time on the discussion of this issue and felt that sexual offense was too broad, not properly defined. So, the committee amendment as offered to you for your consideration is after offenses insert "Involving penetration by force or against the will of the victim." That is the amendment that we are proposing for your adoption.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right, Senator Chambers. Speaking now to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: LB 701 was passed this year, this session, and it contained in Section 5, a definition of sexual penetration.